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## Sen. Cassis hails start of Beck Road construction

**Lansing** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) applauded the start of construction this week on a new overpass at Beck Road and I-96 in Oakland County.

"Rebuilding this interchange is critical to the health, safety, and economic development of the Novi community," said Cassis. "I am elated that this project, for which Novi taxpayers, local officials, and I have fought so long and hard, has finally come to fruition,"

Sen. Cassis has been working to make this construction happen since 1997 when she amended the MDOT budget to add a study of the Wixom and Beck interchanges. Then, two years later, she guided its inclusion into the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan.

The new bridge, located west of the current Beck Road structure, is part of a \$4.7 million, multi-phase project to improve mobility by relocating the existing Beck Road south of I-96 and creating a new interchange. Bridge construction is expected to be completed in late 2004.

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